

Monday, May 24, 1999

Daily Digest Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5787–S5887

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1102–1112, S. Res. 105–107, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S5834**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 141), Specter (for Landrieu/Specter) Amendment No. 384, to express the sense of Congress regarding the need for vigorous prosecution of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. **Pages S5809–17**

Pending:

Roberts/Warner Amendment No. 377, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the legal effect of the new Strategic Concept of NATO (the document approved by the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., on April 23 and 24, 1999). **Pages S5799–S5809**

Warner Amendment No. 378 (to Amendment No. 377), to require the President to submit to the Senate a report containing an analysis of the potential threats facing NATO in the first decade of the next millennium, with particular reference to those threats facing a member nation or several member nations where the commitment of NATO forces will be “out of area”, or beyond the borders of NATO member nations. **Page S5800**

Wellstone Amendment No. 380, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for radiation-exposed veterans. **Page S5809**

Wellstone Amendment No. 381, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide information and technical guidance to certain foreign nations regarding environmental contamination at United States

military installations closed or being closed in such nations. **Page S5809**

Wellstone Amendment No. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide Congress with information to evaluate the outcome of welfare reform. **Page S5809**

Specter Amendment No. 383, to direct the President, pursuant to the United States Constitution and the War Powers Resolution, to seek approval from Congress prior to the introduction of ground troops from the United States Armed Forces in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or funding for that operation will not be authorized. **Page S5809**

Roth Amendment No. 388, to request the President to advance the late Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel on the retired list of the Navy to the highest grade held as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, during World War II, and to advance the late Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on the retired list of the Army to the highest grade held as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, during World War II, as was done under the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 for all other senior officers who served in positions of command during World War II. **Pages S5818–25**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, with votes to occur at 2:15 p.m. on certain pending amendments, on Tuesday, May 25, 1999. **Page S5886**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Friday, May 21, 1999 (during the adjournment of the Senate):

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled “Educational Excellence for All Children Act of 1999;” to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–30). **Pages S5825–26**

Received on today:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a notice relative to the Amended Mines Protocol of the Convention on Conventional

Weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-31). **Pages S5826-27**

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a notice relative to the Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, together with its Technical Annex; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-32). **Page S5827**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul Steven Miller, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2004. (Reappointment)

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

J. Brian Atwood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Brazil, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999. **Page S5887**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5879-83**

Text of H.R. 1554, as Previously Passed: **Pages S5883-86**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—141) **Page S5817**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5886.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill, making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded hearings on the Bureau of Prisons oversight of the role and importance of the Federal Prison Industries, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Prison Industries, Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Prison Industries, and Joseph M. Aragon, Chairman, Federal Prison Industries, all of the Department of Justice; David R. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Phil W. Glover, Council of Prison Locals, American Federation of Government Employees, Johnston, Pennsylvania; and Ann F. Hoffman, Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees, Washington, D.C.

HOME HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Health Care Financing Administration's Outcome and Assessment Information Set on access to home health care, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Kang, Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia L. Kail, Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson, Iowa; Kristy Wright, Visiting Nurses Association, Butler, Pennsylvania; Judith A. Conlin, Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, Des Moines; Peter W. Shaughnessy, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver; James C. Pyles, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Home Health Services and Staffing Association and the American Psychoanalytic Association; and George Taler, American Academy of Home Care Physicians, Baltimore, Maryland.